



ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

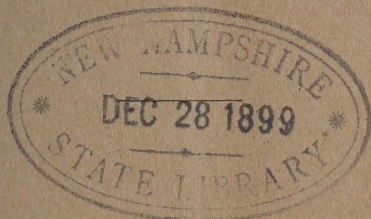
❖TOWN OF ASHLAND.❖

—EMBRACING THOSE OF THE—

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, COLLECTOR, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, &c.,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1, 1883.



ASHLAND, N. H.:
ASHLAND ITEM PRINT.

1883.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

1882.

Taxable Articles.

Polls, 289,	\$28,900 00
Real Estate,	225,618 00
Horses, 150,	8,872 00
Oxen, 64,	2,446 00
Cows, 207,	4,602 00
Other Neat Stock, 156,	2,823 00
Sheep, 299,	830 00
Hogs, 2,	14 00
Carriages, 26,	1,552 00
Money at Interest,	20,757 00
Stock in Trade,	41,750 00
Mills and Machinery,	92,300 00
Non-Resident,	1,580 00
Total Inventory.	\$432,044 00
State, County, Town and School Tax on Poll,	\$1 15
Highway Tax on Poll,	24
	\$1 32
School House Tax on Poll in Dis. No. 1,	06

Outstanding Claims.

1882.

Mar. 18.	Paid C. H. Huckins, breaking roads, etc.,	\$8 04
22,	P. P. Abbott, " "	4 08
July 1,	J. F. Keyes, over work on road,	7 48
10,	J. Corliss, " "	7 06
Sept. 4,	Geo. M. Hodgdon, breaking road,	4 00

1883.

Jan. 2,	P. L. Moore, labor on Union Bridge,	1 88
Feb. 24,	R. F. Pease, breaking roads in 1881,	2 74
Feb. 24,	Henry Page, non-resident tax worked out,	5 73
		\$41 02

Current Expenses.

1882.

Apr. 4,	Paid Dexter Sanborn, services as Supervisor and Auditor,	\$7 00
22,	R. R. D. Dearborn, taxes on J. W. Stewart's house,	9 76
25,	Dr. Enos Huckins, recording births and deaths,	3 50
29,	A. R. Garey, recording deaths and births,	2 50
May 30,	R. F. Sanborn, for Memorial day,	50 00
July 15,	Geo. C. Rowe, for the band,	50 00
Sept. 1,	R. R. D. Dearborn, printing reports and blanks,	24 00
Oct. 10,	Mrs. B. B. Worthen, due B. B. Worthen, services as town clerk,	8 00
14,	Geo. B. Gordon, for check lists,	6 00
24,	Mrs. B. B. Worthen, due B. B. Worthen, services as librarian,	4 00
Nov. 11,	Dexter Sanborn, services as supervisor,	7 00
16,	F. M. Hughes, " "	6 00
23,	A. R. Garey, vaccinating 39 persons,	7 80
25,	A. L. Smith, sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
Dec. 6,	H. C. Dearborn, services as auditor and moderator,	5 00

Jan. 9,	M. W. Shapleigh, labor at town hall,	\$11 20
18,	F. M. Hughes, " "	14 62
Feb. 3,	Geo. B. Gordon, services as supervisor,	11 00
13,	D. B. Baker, labor on lobby,	3 50
20,	Hughes & Huckins, goods for hall and lobby,	25 43
22,	A. E. Porter, services as town clerk,	35 00
	F. M. Hughes, services as treasurer,	25 00
24,	C. A. Norton, damage on highway,	85 00
	Arthur S. Clark, services as selectman,	45 00
	E. B. Currier, " "	41 90
	Eri G. Clapp, " "	90 00
	" " overseer of poor,	15 00
	" Express, telephoning and postage,	2 85
	Eri G. Clapp, surveying,	3 00
	" books,	6 47
	" F. N. Keyes, copying,	5 00
	" sheathing for hall,	12 34
	" warrants,	30
	" bounty on 36 crows,	3 60
	" recording birth,	25
	" paid for hall and lobby,	5 35
	" " highway,	6 83
	" " keeping poor,	8 75
24,	R. R. D. Dearborn, services as collector,	75 00
	Lucy A. Dearborn, services as librarian,	20 83
	C. Shepard, supt. school committee,	27 00
	Geo. C. Rowe, labor at hall,	9 71
	D. S. Baker, sheep killed by dogs,	13 00
	Burleigh & Adams, counsel fee,	60 00
		\$861 49

Expense of Poor.

1882.

Mar. 27,	Paid Jane Morse, boarding James Rowe,	\$12 00
Apr. 26,	" " "	3 00

June 21,	M. J. Chase, boarding Bonner child,	\$3 25
July 6,	E. G. Nutting, boarding Martha E. Parker,	7 00
		\$25 25

Roads and Bridges.

May 19,	Paid B. E. Plaisted, land damage,	\$200 00
27,	E. F. Bailey, “	10 00
19,	E. G. Clapp, land damage fee, Ambrose	
	Scribner,	15 00
July 13,	W. F. Harris, freight on sewer pipe,	28 92
15,	E. G. Clapp, for sewer pipe,	162 43
Sept 1,	Henry Page, plank for Mead Bridge,	9 24
Nov. 7,	L. D. Fogg, labor on road,	7 72
27,	Geo. W. Lambert, labor on road,	12 43
29,	E. G. Clapp, sewer pipe,	11 22
Dec. 12,	H. H. Shepard, plank for Drake mill	
	bridge,	48 28
Feb. 20,	Hughes & Huckins, powder and fuse for	
	Bailey road,	8 35
21,	J. F. Keyes, for cash paid for help on	
	Bailey road,	160 87
24,	F. H. Leavitt, breaking roads,	4 50
	Samuel Shepard, “	11 22
	Geo. W. Lambert, “	5 00
	D. S. Baker, “	2 40
	C. Shepard, “	2 75
		\$700 33

School Money.

	School Money.	Dog Tax.	Lit. Fund.	Total.
Dist. No. 1.	\$1,178 45	\$36 00	\$61 50	\$1,275 95
2,	14 57	35 00	6 10	55 67
3,	29 07	15 00	3 66	47 73
4,	47 30	35 00	8 76	91 06
5,	7 61	10 00	2 78	20 39
	\$1,277 00	\$131 00	\$82 80	\$1,490 80

Recapitulation.

Outstanding Claims,	\$41 02
Current Expenses,	861 49
Expense of Poor,	25 25
Roads and Bridges,	700 33
School Money,	1,490 80
	\$3,118 89

ERI G. CLAPP, } *Selectmen*
 EDWIN B. CURRIER, } *of*
 ARTHUR S. CLARK, } *Ashland.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

HENRY C. DEARBORN, } *Auditors of the*
 FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } *Town of Ashland.*

Statement of Town Debt.

Notes and Interest outstanding March 1, 1883,	\$3,576 07
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By uncollected taxes for 1881,	\$24 42
" " 1882,	297 38
Amount due from County Treasurer,	10 25
Cash on hand,	717 44
	\$1,049 49
	\$2,526 58
Amount of Debt, March 1, 1882,	\$3,048 22
" " 1883,	2,526 58
	\$521 64

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. L. Hughes in account with the Town of Ashland.

To balance from last year,	\$357 64
cash over-paid on notes,	4 01
of Dexter Sanborn, Collector, 1878,	137 00
E. G. Clapp, county order,	19 25
A. E. Porter, billiard table license,	9 00
E. G. Clapp, use Town Hall lot for circus,	2 00
“ damage to lobby,	10 00
“ lumber sold,	2 70
“ bounty on crows,	5 10
Solon A. Carter, Railroad tax,	148 25
“ Savings Bank tax,	760 47
“ Literary Fund do.,	82 80
Arthur S. Clark, Janitor,	27 47
F. M. Hughes, “	8 46
R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector 1881,	291 40
“ “ 1882,	4,825 00
	\$6,690 55

—Cr.—

By paid Notes and Interest,	\$345 37
County tax,	1,370 37
State tax,	888 00
Town Orders,	3,369 37
Cash on hand,	717 44
	\$6,690 55

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

HENRY C. DEARBORN, } *Auditors of the*
FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } *Town of Ashland.*

◀COLLECTOR'S REPORT.▶

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Amount of Resident taxes committed to		
me for collection,	\$5,192	35
Amount Non-resident taxes,	20	64
Interest collected,	7	85
	<u> </u>	\$5,220 84

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$4,825	00
Wm. B. Smith, 2d, Highway Surveyor,	94	
Amount discounts,	65	51
taxes abated,	31	29
Highway Surveyor's receipt for		
non-resident taxes worked out,	72	
Uncollected taxes,	297	38
	<u> </u>	\$5,220 84
Balance of tax for 1880, uncollected,		\$1 79
" 1882, " "		24 42
Respectfully submitted,		

R. R. D. DEARBORN, *Collector.*

Janitors' Report.

Cash received for use of hall,	\$71 27
Paid Janitor, for care of hall,	\$35 00
for supplies,	8 80
Town Treasurer,	27 47
	\$71 27

ARTHUR S. CLARK, *Janitor.*

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HENRY C. DEARBORN, } *Auditors of the*
FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } *Town of Ashland.*

F. M. Hughes in account with the Town of Ashland.

—Dr.—

To cash received for use of hall from Nov. 24, 1882,
to Feb. 26, 1883, \$51 50

—Cr.—

1883.

Feb. 20, By cash paid for 4 cords wood,	\$16 00
23, " Hughes & Huckins, supplies,	4 54
26, " Town Treasurer,	8 46
By care of hall, etc.,	22 50
	\$51 50

FRANCIS M. HUGHES, *Janitor.*

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HENRY C. DEARBORN, } *Auditors of the*
} *Town of Ashland.*

Report of the Librarian.

The number of books in circulation during the year now drawing to a close, is quite large, considering the number that have been retired from circulation, on account of being worn out, loose leaves, etc. Many of the damaged books have been repaired as well as could be, by the application of paste.

There is a great and urgent call for *new books*, by both old and young,—particularly by the young people. It is hoped that our citizens appreciate the influence of good books on the mind and character of the reader, and that they will therefore appropriate a liberal sum of money, to be expended by some competent person in the purchase of new books, and the repairing of such old books as can profitably be repaired.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. DEARBORN, *Librarian.*



REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF DISTRICT NO. 1, FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1883.

TO CHARLES SHEPARD, SUP'T OF SCHOOLS.

In accordance with the law, and for your instruction, we make the following report of the public schools:

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

First term, taught by Miss Lizzie F. Clement, and the Fall and Winter terms taught by Miss Mary M. Barrows.

The whole number of pupils attending this school for the year is 52, the average number to each term has been 40. The largest number attended during the Summer term, viz. 45, and the smallest number in the Winter term, viz. 33. Average daily attendance, 36.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

First term taught by Miss Maria F. Ladd, and the Fall and Winter terms by Miss L. Alice Gordon.

The whole number of pupils in this school for the year was 38. The average number of each term was 35, and daily attendance 31.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

First term taught by Miss Emma J. Fellows, and the Fall and Winter terms by Lizzie F. Clement.

The whole number of scholars attending this school during the year has been 27. Average to each term 23, and daily attendance 21.

HIGHER GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

First term taught by Mr. E. G. Moore, and Fall and Winter terms by Mr. DeWitt C. Durgin.

The whole number of different scholars in this school for the year was 34. Average to each term 27, and daily attendance 25.

To summarize these figures we find we have had 151 different scholars during the past year, and an average daily attendance of 28 to each school and term.

There are 13 scholars who have not been absent or tardy during the year. Much of the tardiness and absence might be avoided if parents would make a proper effort.

Punctual attendance is necessary to the advancement of a scholar. One day out is like a link from a chain, and the student may sometime be sadly in need of that missing link. Our schools upon the whole have been fairly prosperous, and some of them have been very profitable.

Hon. J. W. Patterson, State Sup't, made us one visit this year, and speaks very highly of our schools.

The employment of male teachers in the Higher Department has proved a success in every respect, and we hope to see it continued.

DEXTER SANBORN,

For the Board of Education.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF ASHLAND.

With my report I present you the report of the Board of Education of Dist No. 1.

District No. 2, has had a Spring term and a Summer term of 14 weeks in all, taught by Miss Mary E. Nutting, who has had considerable experience in teaching, and is a good teacher. The register shows that the scholars have been very punctual in their attendance at school.

District No. 3, or the Pine Grove District, had a Spring term of 8 weeks, taught by Miss Elmira C. Cox, who has been a member of the Normal School, and, as I learned, gave general satisfaction.

The second term, of 11 weeks, was taught by Miss Mary E. Calley. Miss Calley's long experience as a teacher seems to make her at home in the school room. Her happy way of communicating her ideas, of teaching the scholars to think for themselves, and her activity and energy, makes her one of the best of teachers.

District No. 4, has had two terms, of 20 weeks in all, taught by Miss L. Lutheria Sanborn. I think Miss Sanborn tried to do as well as she could, but her youth and inexperience in teaching prevents her from ranking high as a teacher. Better discipline and a higher interest in matters of learning are what is needed in this school more than anything else.

District No. 5, had one term of 11 weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Huckins. As I knew that Miss Huckins was a good and faithful teacher and that Mr. Smith, the Supt. Committee of New Hampton, would visit the school, I left it in his care, and I learn that it has been a good and prosperous school.

The amount of money used for the schools the

past year is

\$1,490 80

District No. 1, has	\$1,275 95
“ 2, “	55 67
“ 3, “	47 73
“ 4, “	91 06
“ 5, “	20 39

This I find in Selectmen's account. Every scholar in town has a right to the benefit of this expenditure. But how many have availed themselves of it? In District No. 1 there are 151 different scholars, and the records show an average attendance of 112, leaving 39 scholars who receive no benefit from the school. Whose fault is it? If this money was spent for pleasure, how many would be absent? Solid learning is of more real worth to the rising generation than all the music and dancing and theatrical entertainments that were ever in town, or ever will be. Parents and all good citizens should see to it that the most valuable interests of the young are not blotted out by the hurry and bustle of these side shows.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SHEPARD,

Superintending School Committee.

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TOWN OF ASHLAND,

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Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, &c.

—FOR THE—

Year ending March 1st, 1884.



ASHLAND, N. H.:
Ashland Item Print.
1884.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

1883-1884.

TAXABLE ARTICLES.

Polls, 269,	\$26,900 00
Real Estate,	239,018 00
Horses, 149,	10,270 00
Oxen, 71,	4,072 00
Cows, 198,	5,552 00
Other Neat Stock, 88,	1,678 00
Sheep, 237,	868 00
Hogs, 5,	58 00
Carriages, 18,	1,040 00
Money at Interest,	24,688 00
Stock in Trade,	40,826 80
Mills and Machinery,	93,100 00
Non-Resident,	1,930 00
Total Inventory,	\$450,000,00
State, County, Town and School Tax on Poll,	\$1 13
Highway Tax on Poll,	35
School House Tax on Poll in Dis. No. 1,	\$1 48
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OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

1883.			
Apr.	14,	Paid B. F. Cox, breaking roads,	\$9 75
		Shepard & Fletcher, repairs Town Hall,	5 62
		L. D. Fogg, breaking roads,	6 60
		Geo. W. Lambert, “	3 60
Aug.	13,	J. A. West, lumber for Mead bridge,	22 00
	31,	Samuel Shepard, breaking roads in 1882,	13 95
Dec.	15,	Geo. W. Baker, breaking roads in 1882	
		and 1883,	2 74
1884.			
Feb.	20,	D. S. Baker, breaking roads in 1883,	12 95
1882.			
		J. M. Cotton, keeping tramp,	2 50
		Chas. C. Shepard, breaking roads,	8 80
			\$88 51

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1883.			
Apr.	5,	Paid Enos Huckins, recording births and deaths,	\$2 75
	7,	F. M. Hughes, services as Supervisor,	7 00
May	5,	E. F. Bailey, copying testimony and investigation upon the bodies of W. H. Abel and H. C. Jones,	3 00
	4,	H. H. Shepard, lumber for fence on Town Hall lot,	6 00
	5,	D. Sanborn, services as Supervisor,	4 00
	24,	R. F. Sanborn, for Memorial day,	50 00
	28,	R. R. D. Dearborn, printing reports and blanks,	20 00
June	5,	D. B. Baker, building fence on Town Hall lot,	2 25
Aug.	29,	R. A. Horner, for services as road commissioner on Bailey case,	42 00
		Benj. Dow, commissioner,	42 80
		H. H. Wilson, “	49 20

Oct. 15,	Paid G. B. Stevens, 1 pair handcuffs,	\$4 30
	T. P. Woodman, team to Bristol,	1 75
24,	H. C. Dearborn, services as Auditor, for 1882,	4 00
28,	W. S. Ladd, services in Bailey case,	72 50
	Joseph Lambert, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
5,	F. J. Boynton, witness in Carr case,	2 74
1884.		
Jan. 8,	A. E. Porter, use of Hall at trial of Bailey road case,	3 00
14,	Mrs. Ashworth, keeping tramp,	3 00
	E. G. Clapp, witness in Carr and Bailey cases,	9 26
3,	R. R. D. Dearborn, services as Li- brarian,	25 00
Feb. 11,	G. B. Stevens, paying witness fees in Bailey road case,	15 33
	G. B. Stevens, paying witness fees in Carr case,	15 04
	G. B. Stevens, bounty on 88 crows,	8 80
	“ “ 4 woodchucks,	60
Feb. 20,	R. R. D. Dearborn, collecting taxes 1883,	75 00
	Geo. B. Cox, Supt. School Com.,	14 75
	S. C. Baker, collector's and survey- or's books,	3 80
	B. F. Cox, services as Selectman,	43 50
25,	Burleigh & Adams, services rendered in Bailey and Carr cases,	235 10
	F. L. Hughes, services as Town Treas.,	20 00
26,	A. E. Porter, services as Town Clerk,	40 00
	S. C. Baker, “ Selectman,	66 50
27,	A. E. Harriman, copying inventory,	5 00
	Geo. B. Stevens, services as Selectman,	60 00
	“ “ Overseer Poor,	10 00
	Jas. Graffum, “ Police,	5 00

Feb. 28,	Paid Hughes & Huckins, supplies as per bill,	\$5 99
	D. B. Baker, services as Police,	8 00
	H. C. Dearborn, " S. S. Com.,	13 70
		\$1,010 66

EXPENSE OF POOR.

1883.

Dec. 11,	Paid R. W. Ladd, supplies and services rendered at the burial of Mrs. E. Derway,	\$21 75
28,	M. C. Spaulding, medical attendance upon Mrs. E. Derway,	8 00
Feb. 28,	Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished Geo. H. Lougee,	20 94
		\$50 69

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

1883.

June 28,	Paid E. B. Currier, labor on Union bridge,	\$24 50
July 7,	Wilder & Co., paper for " "	2 13
25,	J. A. West, plank for " "	117 35
Nov. 7,	E. L. Shepard, Bailey road,	200 00
Dec. 18,	S. Blanchard, plank for bridges,	7 50
		\$351 48

SCHOOL MONEY.

	School Money.	Literary Fund.	Total.
District No. 1,	\$1,322 64	\$66 56	\$1,389 20
2,	34 21	6 85	41 06
3,	39 49	5 16	44 65
4,	54 14	10 26	64 40
5,	6 65	3 48	10 13
	\$1,457 13	\$92 31	\$1,549 44

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Claims,	\$88 51
Current Expenses,	1,010 66
Expense of Poor,	50 69
Roads and Bridges,	351 48
School Money,	1,549 44

\$3,050 78

GEO. B. STEVENS, }
 STEPHEN C. BAKER, } Selectmen
 BENJ. F. COX. } of
 } Ashland.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, }
 FRANCIS M. HUGHES, } Auditors of
 HENRY C. DEARBORN, } the Town
 } of Ashland.

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

Notes and Interest outstanding March 1st, 1884,	\$2,390 48
	CR.
Balance due from County,	\$50 69
Uncollected taxes for 1883,	323 59
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	350 54
	\$724 82
	\$1,665 66
Amount of debt March 1st, 1883,	\$2,526 58
1884,	1,665 66
Decrease of debt in 1883,	\$860 92

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	DR.
To balance from last year,	\$717 44
Cash of Geo. B. Stevens, on acc't taxes paid,	10 93
" " Circus license,	3 00
" " Bailey road case,	161 44
" " R. A. Horner, com.,	10 00
" A. E. Porter, billiard license,	9 00
" J. F. Keyes, bal. on highway tax for '82,	57 22
" Jas. Graffum, Janitor Town Hall,	53 31
" Solon A. Carter, Railroad tax,	161 68
" " Savings Bank tax,	820 52
" " Literary Fund,	92 31
" " Bounty on crows and woodchucks,	9 40
" R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector 1881-2,	300 00
" " " 1883,	4,600 00
	\$7,006 25

	CR.
By paid Notes and Interest,	\$1,352 31
County tax,	1,370 37
State tax,	888 00
Certificates of births and deaths,	4 25
Town orders,	3,040 78
Cash on hand,	350 54
	\$7,006 25

STATEMENT DOG TAX.

To cash of R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector, 1883,	\$33 60
By paid damage to sheep by dogs,	10 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$23 60

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

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DEXTER SANBORN,	}	Auditors of the Town of Ashland.
FRANCIS M. HUGHES,		
HENRY C. DEARBORN,		

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Amount of Resident taxes committed to me for collection,	\$5,116 13
Amount Non-resident taxes,	27 22
“ Interest collected,	7 51
	\$5,150 86

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS :

Paid Town Treasurer,	\$4,600 00
“ Dog tax,	33 60
Benj. F. Cox, highway surveyor,	85
Amount discounts,	88 03
Abatements,	7 59
Cash in my hands,	18 17
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	2 45
Uncollected taxes considered good assets,	323 59
Uncollected taxes considered doubtful assets,	75 58
	\$5,150 86

Paid Town Treasurer, on account of uncollected taxes of 1881 and 1882, \$300 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Collector.

JANITOR'S REPORT.

Cash received for use of Hall,	\$153 75
Paid F. N. Boynton, for 2 1-8 cords wood,	\$7 44
E. G. Clapp, for supplies,	2 06
G. C. Rowe, for work on windows,	1 00
For labor on fitting wood,	3 25
Hughes & Huckins, for supplies and wood,	10 30
Janitor for care of hall, etc.,	76 39
Town Treasurer,	53 31
	\$153 75

JAMES GRAFFUM, Janitor.

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DEXTER SANBORN,	} Auditors of	
FRANCIS M. HUGHES,		the Town
HENRY C. DEARBORN,		of Ashland.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The books of the Library are in as good condition as they can reasonably be expected to be. Many of them have been withdrawn from circulation on account of their damaged state.

The number of people, both young and old, depending upon the Town Library for books to read, has greatly increased during the past year, and the demand for new books is great and urgent.

Respectfully,

L. A. DEARBORN, Librarian.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE TOWN OF ASHLAND.

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State, I submit the following report of our schools, for the Spring and Summer of 1883:

DISTRICT NO. 2. Edwin B. Currier, Prudential Committee. This school was taught by Miss Mary Nutting, an experienced and successful teacher. Her manner of expression and appearance is well adapted to the school-room work. Under her influence scholars study and recite easily. As an instructor, Miss Nutting is excellent, as a disciplinarian below the average. The school is pervaded with a spirit of united zeal and earnestness. The pupils looked to their teacher, (and I think this is always the case,) as a friend and benefactor. Their willingness to be led and instructed by her is one cause of their grand success. The final examination attested to creditable work by all. One parent, Mr. E. B. Currier, was present. There is room for all. Come!

DISTRICT NO. 3. Union with Holderness. Byron Smith, Prudential Committee. Teacher, Miss Sarah Worthen. Although of a limited experience, Miss Worthen possesses the mental and governing qualities which characterize the older teachers. Propitious, energetic and untiring she inspires her pupil to that honest labor that tells most in the schoolroom. Her

past experience has been limited, but a brilliant future is ahead. The scholars have been courageous and ready to make a hard struggle. Undaunted by small difficulties, and ambitious to learn, they accomplished a good work. At the close of the term a public examination was held, and most of the parents (mothers) were present. Every one was zealous to do his best, and the consequence was a pleasant day for all. It was evident that much had been achieved, which denoted a good degree of intuitious intelligence of the students, and faithful teaching. Parents come again!

DISTRICT No. 4, Charles C. Eastman, Prudential Committee. Miss Rose Sanborn took charge of the school. As a young and inexperienced teacher—a child among children in years, but in scholarship competent to instruct, she earned the praise well done. When the modesty of girlhood has passed, when judgment has matured, and when experience, the great friend and helper of the teacher, can give its wise commands, Miss Rose can take a good position in the profession which has called her so soon. There was a marked improvement in the school, and the final examination was quite satisfactory. The scholars manifested a kind and obedient spirit, which, governed by a lady-like and pleasant dignity, established harmony and good will. But for some reason there is a lack of interest. Children, who are naturally smart and active, leave their energy outside the school house. I think an older teacher, one understanding how to adapt herself to different dispositions better than the young teacher can, would work a revolution here.

REMARKS.

I am pleased to find so much interest in school matters in general. While it may be said of some towns that they are forgetting this subject, it cannot be said of Ashland. We do not boast when we claim ours as one of the best graded schools in this section of the state. Our school fund is quite liberal, and our system is good, with, perhaps, one or two exceptions. It is not my object to cry for a change; but there should be

that equality in education which we seek in other interests. The employment of our money for the greatest good of all must be a constant study. We must not fear to advance. Time demands a change in all things. What satisfied the conditions of 75 years ago will not satisfy the conditions of to-day. I will suggest no new systems ; if we need any let a wise head prescribe. On examination, I found a very good list of text-books, with one exception—the reader. Appleton's reader had not a friend in the school room. The scholars lacked an interest in this part of their work, and, with the advice of the teachers, I introduced Swinton's series.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS :— Your presence is an influence in the school. It inspires courage and confidence in the soul of the teacher, and prompts the student to active study. Our teachers are human beings, and not machines. They need your support and your sympathy. We too often make the school a melancholy and child-dreaded place. The school-room should be pleasant as the home, the teachers honored and befriended ; then will our schools assume a higher perfection and mark a better progress.

A prudential committee should understand what constitutes a good instructor, and then have the courage to employ one. First class teachers are in the field ; the resolute, active and strong are there—those who have come to work and not to drone. Voters, you control the education of the young. Be careful how you use your power. Leave party strife to the sphere of politics, forget the *cousin* or the *aunt* who would teach and select the best man for your agent.

Very respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. Cox, Sup't. of Schools.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF ASHLAND.

Gentlemen: Having been appointed October 4, 1883, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Mr. Geo. B. Cox from the state, I herewith submit the following report as Sup't. of Schools since the above date.

DISTRICT NO. 2. This district had a fall term of 10 weeks. Visited the school about the sixth week and found it under the instruction of Miss Mary E. Huckins, an able and intelligent teacher. Other duties prevented me from attending this school at its close, but from the well known experience and ability of its teacher I have no doubt the term was pleasant and profitable. Whole number of scholars 6, average 6. Classed as follows: reading 6, spelling 6, arithmetic 6, geography 4, grammar 2, history 1, composition 1, algebra 1. Register well filled out.

DISTRICT NO. 3. Union with Holderness. This school had a fall term of 13 3-5 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah J. Worthen, a young teacher, but possessing the necessary qualifications for making one of the best. Visited this school twice, once about the middle of the term, and again near its close. Satisfactory advancement was made in the studies, and the order was excellent. Register one of the most complete in town. Whole number of scholars 10, average 9; classed as follows: reading 10, spelling 10, penmanship 10, arithmetic 8, geography 3, grammar 4, composition 5, book-keeping 3.

DISTRICT NO. 4. Fall term of 7 1-2 weeks, taught by Miss S. Grace Curry. Visited this school at its commencement and again at its close. A good degree of interest was exhibited by both teacher and pupils, fair progress was made and good order prevailed. Whole number of scholars 11, average 9; classed as follows: reading 11, spelling 11, penmanship 5, arithmetic 6, geography 2, grammar 3, history 3, composition 1. The register was quite well filled out in most respects. I find that I am not recognized as Superintendent, neither am I credited with having visited the school at all. No visits reported from any one in the district.

DISTRICT No. 5. Union with New Hampton and Centre Harbor. This district has had but one short term of 4 weeks the past year. Miss Laura E. Brown was employed to teach this school, and so far as I have learned gave good satisfaction. Visited the school but once, as it closed without notice. At the time of my visit I thought the school was well managed and good improvement being made. Whole number of scholars 13, average 10; classed in reading 13, spelling 13, penmanship 13, arithmetic 10, geography 3, grammar 2, composition 2. Register not as complete as it should be.

DISTRICT No. 1. Being a member of the Board of Education, I have visited the schools in this district, the past year as often as circumstances would permit. We have had 28 weeks of school the past year—two terms of 10 weeks each, and one of 8 weeks. There has been no change of teachers in either department the past three terms. Our schools have been well managed, the teachers have worked earnestly, faithfully and untiringly, and deserve far more praise than they ever get. The illness of the teacher in the intermediate department during the spring term somewhat detracted from the progress that undoubtedly would have been made but for that. Scarlet fever, sore throats and scare broke up the classes seriously in all departments in the fall term. The district very generously appropriated nearly ninety dollars for the purchase of globes, maps and charts, and the Board have placed two 12-inch Fitz globes and a series of Hughe's outline maps in the intermediate and grammar schools, and a set of Monroe's reading charts in the primary department. All of which, we believe, are duly appreciated by both teachers and pupils. Some new readers are very much desired in our schools. The scholars have become so familiar with their old readers, that the teachers find it next to an impossibility to keep up any interest in the reading classes. "Can we have some new readers?" has been asked me often the past year. I hope to be able to answer that question satisfactory to all interested at the commencement of the spring term.

The Primary Department has been under the instruction of Miss Delle A. Dearborn. The whole number of different pupils that have attended this school the past year is 58. Average daily attendance 33. The pupils in this school are all taught in reading, spelling, penmanship and orally in arithmetic, geography and vocal music. Register properly filled out.

The Intermediate Department has been in charge of Miss Mary E. Calley. Whole number of pupils for the year 51, average daily attendance 36. In this school all have been taught in reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, drawing, vocal music and 31 in geography. Register properly kept.

First Grammar school. Miss Lizzie F. Clement, teacher—her fifth term in this room. Whole number of different pupils 27, average daily attendance 22. The studies in this department are reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history and composition. Register satisfactory.

Higher Grammar. In charge of Prof. D. W. C. Durgin. Whole number of different pupils 33, average daily attendance 24. The following studies have been taken the past year: reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar, history, composition, physiology, book-keeping, algebra, philosophy, natural history and latin. Register not as well filled as it should be.

Respectfully,

H. C. DEARBORN, Sup't. of Schools and
Sec. Board of Education.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—



TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

ASHLAND,

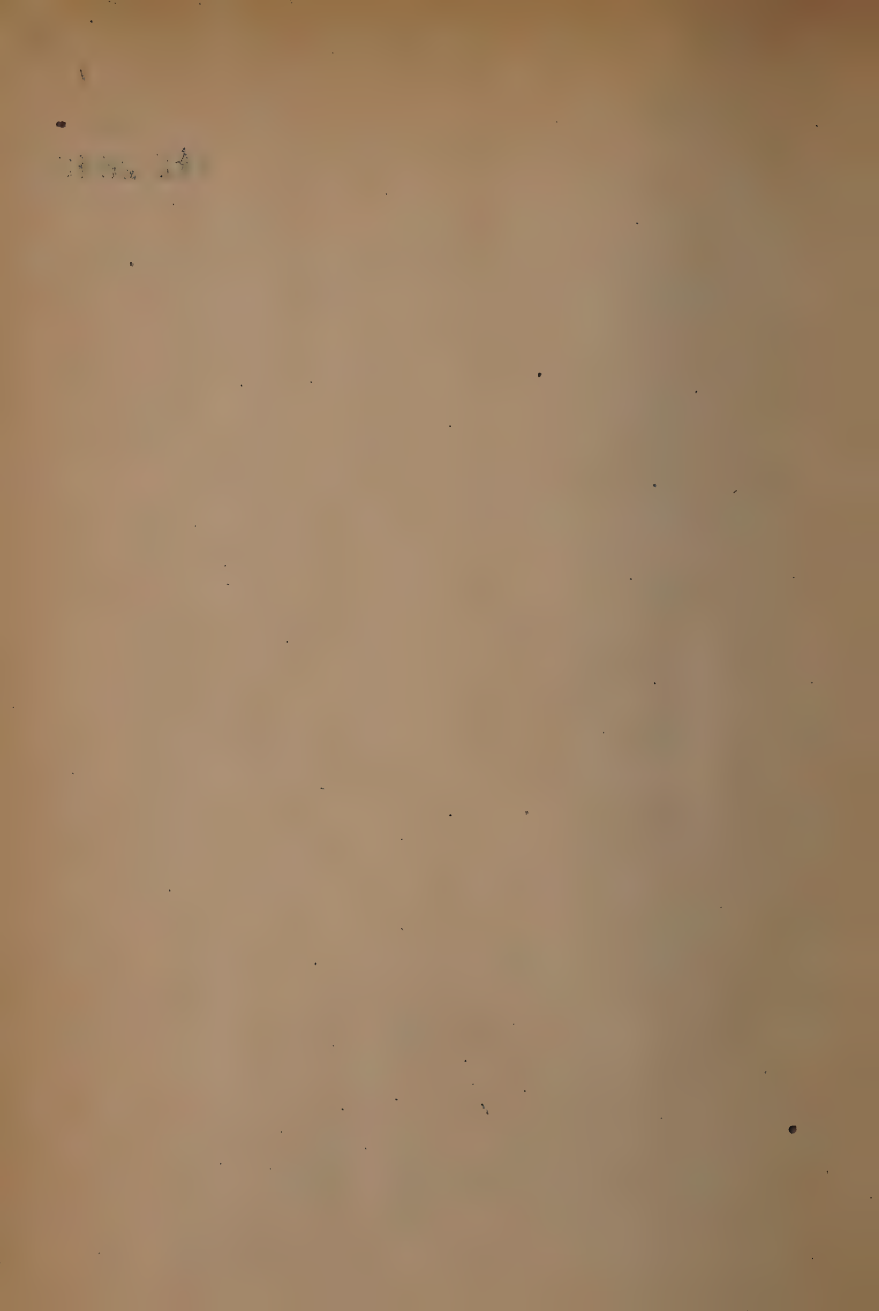
—EMBRACING THOSE OF THE—

Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, &c.

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st, 1885.

ASHLAND, N. H.:
Ashland Item Print.
1885.



==SELECTMEN'S REPORT.==

1884-1885.

TAXABLE ARTICLES.

Polls, 280,	\$28,000 00
Real Estate,	248,920 00
Horses, 147,	11,778 00
Oxen, 58,	3,344 00
Cows, 201,	6,034 00
Other Neat Stock, 110,	2,034 00
Sheep, 185,	728 00
Hogs, 9,	84 00
Carriages, 22,	1,416 00
Money at Interest,	20,780 00
Stock in Trade,	40,876 00
Mills and Machinery,	84,100 00
Non-Resident,	2,080 00

Total Inventory, \$450,174 00

State, County, Town and School Tax on Poll in

District No. 1, \$1 09

Highway Tax on Poll, 25

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

1884.

Apr.	9,	Geo. F. Cummings, breaking roads,	\$7 57
"	26,	F. H. Leavitt, " "	5 40
May	24,	Geo. W. Lambert " "	10 35
"	31,	Arthur Huckins, " "	75
June	3,	Jas. L. Wilson, on account of Carr case,	165 22
"	9,	Chas. C. Eastman, breaking roads,	14 55
"	"	Sam'l Shepard, " "	18 60
"	12,	Paul Perkins, " "	16 00
Nov.	10,	B. E. Plaisted, land damage on Baily road,	100 00
		F. M. Hughes, labor on roads,	1 00
			\$339 59

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1884.

Mar.	22,	G. B. Gordon, services as Supervisor,	\$10 00
		F. M. Hughes, " " and Auditor,	6 00
	27,	R. R. D. Dearborn, printing reports, 1883,	16 00
Apr.	8,	L. A. Dearborn, Town Library,	150 00
	12,	D. Sanborn, Supervisor and Auditor,	7 00
May	15,	Mrs. Ashworth, keeping tramp,	5 69
		E. C. Eastman, Surveyor's book,	1 06
	29,	R. F. Sanborn, for Decoration Day,	50 00
Aug.	7,	Geo. C. Rowe, painting signs,	1 25
Oct.	31,	C. C. Smith, labor laying Town Hall floor,	20 00
Nov.	14,	L. D. Fogg, labor on road,	2 25
	17,	D. Sanborn, services on check-list,	6 00
		G. B. Gordon, " "	7 00
		F. M. Hughes, " "	6 00
	26,	Geo. H. Clark & Co., floor Town Hall,	90 27
Dec.	5,	R. R. D. Dearborn, printing 500 tax bills,	2 50
	10,	" " " " 30 check-lists,	7 00
	16,	Geo. F. Cummings, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
1885.			
Jan.	3,	G. B. Stevens, bounty on woodchucks,	53 60
	31,	D. B. Baker, police and keeping tramps,	5 00

Jan. 31,	H. C. Dearborn, services as S. S. Com.,	\$21 00
	“ “ Auditor and Moderator,	5 00
Feb. 1,	E. G. Clapp, stove zinc and pipe,	19 55
6,	F. H. Leavitt, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
19,	Henry Page, plank for District No. 5,	3 00
	M. C. Spaulding, registering births and deaths,	3 50
	A. E. Porter, services as Town Clerk,	40 00
20,	Asa Drew, breaking roads,	1 80
	Paul Perkins, “	7 84
	Chas. Shepard, “	10 90
	B. F. Cox, services as Selectman,	18 00
	E. B. Currier, shoveling snow, Union bridge,	1 50
	“ “ services as Selectman,	9 00
23,	R. R. D. Dearborn, “ Collector,	75 00
	Lucy A. Dearborn, “ Librarian,	25 00
24,	John R. Carr, gravel and breaking roads,	26 28
25,	S. C. Baker, services as Selectman,	61 00
	A. E. Harriman, copying inventory,	5 00
	S. C. Baker, books and stationery,	5 25
26,	Hughes & Huckins, supplies as per bill,	4 25
	Geo. B. Stevens, services as Selectman,	60 00
	“ “ Overseer of Poor,	15 00
	Frank L. Hughes, Treasurer,	25 00
28,	Geo. F. Dow, services as Police,	6 00
	“ labor on Town Hall,	24 00
		\$932 49

EXPENSE OF POOR.

1884.		
May 29,	Paid Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished G. H. Lougee,	\$36 48
July 19,	A. R. Garey, attendance upon Mrs. Bonner,	6 00
Nov. 10,	Hughes & Huckins supplies furnished F. Bonner,	14 21

Nov. 10,	Paid Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished	
	Glines & Brown,	\$6 83
	A. E. Porter, medicines, Glines & Brown,	1 60
13,	A. R. Garey, services at Concord, in-quest on body of John Noel,	2 00
	M. C. Spaulding, account of Glines & Brown,	3 00
1885.		
Jan. 3,	R. W. Ladd, burial of Mrs. Bonner and John Noel,	27 00
Feb. 25,	M. C. Spaulding, medicine and attendance, George H. Lougee,	3 75
	Hughes & Huckins, supplies furnished G. H. Lougee,	17 10
		\$117 97

SCHOOL MONEY.

	School Money.	Literary Fund.	Total.
District No. 1,	\$1,393 59	\$80 42	\$1,474 01
2,	34 47	9 85	44 32
3,	30 73	7 91	38 64
4,	55 72	15 00	70 72
5,	7 88	5 54	13 42
	\$1,522 39	\$118 72	\$1,641 11

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Claims,	\$339 54
Current Expenses,	932 49
Expense of Poor,	117 98
School Money,	1,641 11
	\$3,031 12

GEORGE B. STEVENS, } Selectmen
 STEPHEN C. BAKER, } of
 EDWIN B. CURRIER, } Ashland.

MARCH, 2d, 1885.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

F. M. HUGHES, } Auditors of the
 DEXTER SANBORN, } Town of Ashland.

STATEMENT OF DEBT.

Am't notes and interest outstanding March 1, 1885, \$1,303 90

	CR.
By cash in hand of Treasurer,	\$177 76
“ “ Collector,	42 00
Balance due from County,	20 85
Uncollected taxes,	455 53
	\$696 14
Balance,	\$607 76
Amount of debt March 1st, 1884,	\$1,665 66
“ “ “ 1885,	607 76
Decrease of debt in 1884,	\$1,057 90

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	DR.
To balance brought from last year,	\$350 54
Cash of A. E. Porter, (billiard license,)	9 00
“ Grafton County, aid of paupers,	73 49
“ Belknap “ “	57 42
“ Solon A. Carter, Railroad Tax,	165 55
“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	820 02
“ “ Literary Fund,	118 72
“ “ Bounty on woodchucks and hawks,	53 60
“ Selectmen, for stone sold,	10 00
“ Geo. F. Dow, Janitor Town Hall,	17 60
“ R. R. D. Dearborn, Collector, for 1883,	300 00
“ “ “ “ 1884,	4,250 00
	<u>\$6,225 94</u>
	CR.
By paid notes and interest,	\$1,146 70
County Tax,	945 08
State Tax,	940 10
Town Orders,	3,016 40
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	177 76
	<u>\$6,225 94</u>

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. HUGHES, Treasurer.

MARCH, 2d, 1885.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

F. M. HUGHES, }
DEXTER SANBORN, } Auditors of the
 } Town of Ashland.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Amount of resident taxes committed to me for collection,	\$4,768 38
Amount of Non-resident taxes,	24 64
“ Interest collected,	10 16
“ paid to Treasurer and due on account of taxes for 1882 and 1883,	79 23
	\$4,882 41

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS :

Paid Treasurer,	\$4,250 00
“ Dog tax,	48 44
W. B. Smith, Highway Surveyor,	1 00
Highway taxes worked—Non-resident,	1 25
Amount of Discounts,	59 05
Abatements,	25 14
Cash on hand,	42 00
Uncollected taxes,	455 53
	\$4,882 41

Paid Treasurer, on account of uncollected taxes of 1882 and 1883,	\$300 00
“ on account of dog tax for 1883,	13 96
	\$313 96

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. D. DEARBORN, Collector,

JANITOR'S REPORT.

Cash received for use of Hall, \$72 20

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Hughes & Huckins, for wood and supplies,	\$14 85
Eri G. Clapp, for stove pipe and labor,	4 75
Geo. F. Dow, for fitting and piling wood,	2 00
James Corliss, for fitting wood,	75
James Stuart, for labor on Hall,	75
Geo. F. Dow, " " " "	2 00
Janitor, for care of Hall,	29 50
Town Treasurer,	17 60
	—————\$72 20

GEO. F. DOW, Janitor.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

F. M. HUGHES,	} Auditors of the
DEXTER SANBORN,	

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

While the Library has been in my care I have constantly tried to improve it, and I think I have succeeded to an appreciable extent. Such books as needed re-binding and were thought worth the expense, have been re-bound at a reasonable price. Some 140 books have been bought and added to the Library, so there are now 800 volumes, or about that number.

The number of people who come to the Library for books has largely increased since my last report. More books are really needed. I respectfully submit the following statement:

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$150 00
“ L. S. Hannaford,	50
“ in fines,	4 13
	\$154 63

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Lothrop & Co., for 140 books,	\$100 00
For 2 books,	6 25
A. E. Porter, for blank book,	1 75
R. R. D. Dearborn, “	50
Express on books from Lothrop & Co.,	1 50
Re-binding 88 books,	29 00
Freight on same,	50
Re-binding 38 books,	11 68
Express on same,	75
Paper to cover books,	10
Cards and postage,	10
R. R. D. Dearborn, for 500 Library by-laws,	2 50
	\$154 63

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DEARBORN, Librarian.

This certifies that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly avouched for.

DEXTER SANBORN, } Auditors of the
F. M. HUGHES, } Town of Ashland.

REPORT OF THE
-BOARD OF EDUCATION-
IN DISTRICT NO. 1.

The money for educational purposes the past year amounted to \$1,514 43, affording schools for 33 weeks, which was divided into three terms of 11 weeks each. The teachers of the four departments were severally paid \$12., \$9., \$8. and \$8. per week. Of 197 different pupils there was an average daily attendance of 126.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Under the instruction of Miss Delle A. Dearborn, the progress has been very marked; a well-earned result of her industry and experience, for it is here that the variety of work, patient care and persistent effort required especially test the abilities of the teacher. The whole attendance was 82, with an average of 41.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

In this department systematic exertion by the pupils themselves may be said to begin. There was an average attendance of 34; a total number of 61. After the close of the spring school Miss M. E. Calley, the teacher for several previous terms, was succeeded by Miss Lillie M. Beede, a young lady of some experience, who has since discharged the duties of the position with good success.

LOWER GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

This department numbers 46, with average daily attendance of 30. Miss A. M. Weeks taught here during the first term. Miss Ella M. Smith followed her in the care of the classes, all somewhat advanced in common school studies. The gratifying progress made fully attests the efficiency of her instruction.

HIGHER GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

This department, mainly devoted to academical branches, has continued in charge of Prof. D. W. C. Durgin.* A large proportion of its members exhibit a very commendable scholarship, and this division of the school well serves the ends for which it was organized. A total number of 31 gave a regular attendance of 23.

The Board of Education has made several changes intended to adapt the number of pupils to the several rooms and distribute them in the different departments, according to their attainments, and present the studies in their proper place. A series of readers well suited to the condition of the school was introduced at the beginning of the year, and other text-books afterwards. A new plan of study has been adopted, tolerably free from omissions and defects which several years' trial had pointed out in its predecessor. Its introduction necessarily displaced some of the classes, while it imposed an unusual amount of work upon others, or gave them less than their customary share; but these inconveniences will be only temporary. The written examination at the close of each term is expected to show the standing of the classes, and stimulate the exertions of pupils and teachers.

HIRAM CASS, For the Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The schools under my care being Districts Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5, I submit the following report :

DISTRICT No. 2, has had two terms, one of 8 the other of 6 weeks, taught by Miss Mary E. Huckins. Whole number of pupils attending the spring term, 14 ; fall term, 8. In this school the following studies have been taken : reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, algebra, geography, grammar and composition. Wages, \$12 per month, board given.

DISTRICT No. 3, has had two terms, one of 8 weeks, the other of 12 ; both taught by Miss Lilly M. Worthen. Number of scholars attending the spring term, 5 ; number attending fall term, 8. Studies : reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography and book-keeping. Wages paid \$18 per month.

DISTRICT No. 4, has had two terms of 6 weeks each taught by Mrs. Luthera L. S. Blanchard. Number of different pupils attending the spring term, 13 ; fall term, 17. Studies taken in this school were reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, geography and grammar. Wages, \$20 per month.

DISTRICT No. 5, had a summer term of 6 weeks and a fall term of 11 weeks ; both taught by Miss Mary E. Huckins. Number of pupils the first term, 11. Number attending the

second term, 13. Studies taken include reading, spelling, penmanship, arithmetic, grammar and composition. Wages, per month, \$18.

Oral instruction has been given to some extent in history and physiology in all the schools. Good order has prevailed, good improvement been made and a degree of interest exhibited creditable to both teachers and pupils.

Respectfully,

HENRY C. DEARBORN, Sup't.

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